

- Judge Baker made a business trip to Ava last Saturday.

- Sister John Slate took dinner with Mattie Bowers on last Sun.

- The Oddfellows meet every second Saturday night at their Hall at JAH-Ville.

- Subscribe for the CRESSET if you want to know Bible Progression.

- If any body wants a fine farm in Douglas Co. call on us or write us at Brushyknob.

- Mr. John Slate and Wm. Bruegar was business visitors at Ava on last Tuesday.

- Mrs. Emma Barnes has been on the sick list for some time. Mr. Geo Barnes does not live in the colony but close to the colony.

- The Bible Socialistic Principles preached today must be deliverance to the poor and needy soon.

- Mrs. Judge Baker and Mrs. Louis Lord attended the examination at Ava last week both first class school teachers.

- Mr. Nath Lawrence Esq. is working on the new road between Vera Cruz and Ava at present.

- Let every Progressive man come to Ava on the 23rd. of Mar. and let the echo be like the great peals of thunder to reach every hood and corner of Old Douglas Co. and our sentiment of every good.

- Mr. Pandy Medley was seen for a few moments in the JAH-Ville Church during services on last Sun. in the afternoon on his way home we suppose now the reason of his absence is that he was called to the home of a friend who was sick. Mr. Medley was seen with a sad expression on his face as he passed by the church. We believe he is a worthy young man, and before services was out. Mr. Medley was some what disappointed as he desired to entertain the young men over night.

PROGRESSIVE MEETING.

The Progressives are hereby notified to meet at the Court House in Ava at 7:30 p. m. Monday evening March 23rd. 1914. Business of much importance to the Progressive to be transacted. A committee meeting will immediately follow the mass meeting. V. A. Dobyms. Chair. H. C. Bash. Sect. -Enterprise.

Secret Society a Curse To the Church of God.

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Jesus said where your treasures is there your heart is also, now where do you spend most time and money in cause of Christ reading Bible and in prayer or at something nobler. Judge yourself for some day not far off Jesus will be your judge or the fire will test our work, only one foundation that will stand.

Now I dont think that Odd-fellows can prove by the Bible that they are doing a spiritual work they tell me we as a church talk about religion in church they say when we get together in the hall we do religion I tell them as I do you, the word of God says by grace are you saved in a faith and that not of works lest any man should boast some even go back to the good Samaritan and try to get a foot not, you have no proof whatever to claim him as an Odd Fellow. I say he done a good deed and used a christian spirit, but note he just found him perfectly helpless, it don't say either was wearing a three link and we find the good Samaritan didn't call on any lodge to pay the bill or to see if he had his dues paid up and was in good standing out he paid the bill, this is not the rules of lodges they are obligated to help one another that is no christian spirit, God is no respecter of persons and you go by signs and badges.

Now what about the priest and Levite, if there was any lodges men, I am satisfied they belonged, my reason for it is one went on one side and the other the other on the other side as if looking for a badge and most of that class of people belongs to some lodge most of our big men belong to from one to six or eight. I dont know why when he was running for office that he belonged to any of them and was sorry there wasn't more for him to join, I guess that elected him they are popular. More so than Christ, for broad is the road that leads to distraction many there be that find it out straight is the road that leads to life and few there be that go there to.

Dear Readers if we miss heaven we have missed it, this fleeting life will soon be past we are only here for a space and that to prepare for heaven. On that God would wake us up and help us see the condition of this old world and even to see our own hearts as he sees them. Oh how glad we will be to recall much of the past when this old earth is snaked with a mighty trumpet then every knee shall bow and every tongue confess the Lord and the righteous will

be caught up with the Lord while the wicked will cry for the rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of the Lord and as will find us out at least at that great day.

Is the banking system religion or the works of Christ we must say they have helped many a low feed lots of hungry children many poor widow or orphans but they must be in good standing and a deposit and so it is with the lodge system but the bank is not trying to get the honor that belongs to Christ or the church I want to say that if works is religion that the Catholic is surely the best order in the world the poor the needy and helpless the penniless the sick and hungry cripples old and blind all look alike to catholics hospitals and charitable homes and treated as good as can be, if the Catholic church is the best as we often hear it called, what is these orders that are doing no more than them and doing that with money deposited by suffer.

That is only doing in return Jesus said that the publicans and sinners done that.

Dont tell me Jesus taught such stuff.

Now a few words about that boy that was sent to St. Louis and cured, I am glad to hear it, it is a blessing to Baz for this life and the man that sent him must be a good man, ye can do nothing without God, if I was you Brother Garrett, I would give God the praise, here is some proof that the Odd-Fellows help one another and against others you say this hospital is Baptist and Oddfellow and it merely nothing for the work for Oddfellows on boy. See the reference J. S. Fowe of Pine Creek Mo. took his wife to this same hospital made a great sacrifice left three nice children one baby very young, he said every thing he could spare and borrowed some money, he was very poor they examined her and said they would operate on her for \$80.00 before they got through they made it about \$200.00 that looks as if the good Samaritan don't it, this is the wolf with sheeps clothing, Bro Garrett will you and Christs go to some home grove and pray and earnest prayer before you answer this man that God will give you that blessed spirit you had a few years back, when you was fighting these sins. Now if the lodges will say they are only for earthly benefits and not the works of Christ, I will say no more and if you think it his work prove it by Christ's own word for he is our teacher. -Geo. W. Towe. Emoree Mo.

Answer to Mr. Towe On Secret Societies A Curse to the Church.

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the temple whether the Jews always resort and in secret I said nothing." ST JOHN 18-20)

Christ said truth, when he uttered the above for he was speaking of his preaching to them in the synagogues and the place where Jews resorted to. And even to them he tells you he spoke in parables. Please read.

"All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet saying I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

"Therefore speak I to them in parables; because they seeing see not: and hearing they hear not: neither do they understand." (MAT. 13-34-35 13.)

Now you see, Friend Towe, that even after Christ spoke to them openly they could not understand him and this might be the circumstance with you for certainly Christ did say and do things in secret that the world did not see. For when he took his twelve Apostles up into an upper room and there eat the passover, he even did not have a woman in that assembly. Now even allowing the good man of the house to be in that upper room with them. Then when he said to them, Please read.

TAKE heed that ye do not your aim before men to be seen of them otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms do not sound a trumpet before thee as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the street that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you. They have their reward.

But when thou doest alms let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

That thine alms may be in secret and thy Father which seeth in secret him self shall reward thee openly.

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward

But thou, when thou prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. (MAT. 6-5-6)

Again he speaks of them and says what has been said to you in secret proclaim it on the housetops, do not claim brother any longer that Christ done nothing in secret. When Christ gave to the Apostles the pentecostal day there was only about 120 of them in an upper room, then listen what Paul said

"And that because of false brethren unawares brought in who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus that they might bring us into bondage." Gal 2-1

They had a liberty in the church (Lodge) that the outside world did not know only as they crept in unawares to spy this liberty out that they could not get any other way, Paul was a Mason and an Odd-Fellow both, we say: Now Bro Towe I think it is you he need to pray for wisdom for if this does not satisfy you we surely will give you more light on this all important subject-- And as far as my little boy Baz is concerned we must say again we thank our good Odd-Fellows for their kindness toward us. Will say more soon.

Notice To One And All

The JAH-Ville Church was built to hold the worship of God and every body is invited under its roof. Any Orthodox Church, or denomination can hold services in it when not occupied by the Colony people. But there must be a strict observance of the following rules. 1st. In coming upon the land owned by the Colony people there shall be no loud hollering, no fast riding nor no shooting of guns or revolvers of any kind, in like manner when leaving the church house, observe the same rules: while in the house, and when in the house during services, there will be no unnecessary talking allowed, that will be of a disturbing nature to the worship or any other thing that will be of a disturbing nature. No smoking, no chewing of tobacco, or spitting tobacco juice on the floor, or any other annoyance of a disturbing nature to the services. Any one violating those rules may expect to be dealt with according to the Law. Rev. L. S. Garrett Manager.

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